

the development of the national cemetery system. Citing the VFW mission "to honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans service, community service, national security and a strong national defense, the 289 members of Post 345, ranging in age from 21–94, participate in various volunteer projects with local hospitals and schools.

Madam Speaker, for 80 years the Don Sherman Hubert VFW Post 345 has maintained a prominent presence in the Metropolitan Detroit area as a leader in service to veterans and civilians alike. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the storied soldiers of Post 345 and recognizing their years sacrifice and loyal service to our veterans, our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF EDUCATION AS A KEY COM-
PONENT IN HAITI'S RECON-
STRUCTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the role of education as an essential sector for effective and durable economic and social development, all of which should be fundamental in the rebuilding of a great nation, such as Haiti.

The Haitian government has reported that the January earthquake has caused the destruction of 95 percent of schools in the Port-au Prince area. It is my belief that an uneducated population has the potential to become a national security threat and considering this dramatic situation, we must confront the crisis head on. In our effort to assist Haiti in becoming self-sustainable, education is the first step.

Without the promotion and cultivation of human capital, there can be no substantial poverty reduction. We know that educational attainments improve the livelihoods of the poor and reduce the likelihood of becoming poor.

Since Haiti has one of the largest income gaps between the rich and the poor in the world, providing accessible education is instrumental to creating a strong middle class, as well as sustaining small business and stimulating entrepreneurship.

There needs to be a plan in place that utilizes the skills of highly educated staff and the input of leading experts in the field of education. This is needed to provide improvements to the Haitian educational system but also serve as a platform for innovation. High quality education and partnerships between Haitian and foreign educational institutions are attainable goals.

The Government of Haiti has indicated its intention to promote free quality education and it is imperative that the United States and other friends of Haiti mobilize their efforts to provide easy access to education for all Haitian children. Let this be our gift to the children of Haiti in return for their ancestors' sacrifice for democracy.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. HALL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul E. Hall of Viper, Kentucky, whose tireless efforts and trusted partnerships have improved the basic infrastructure and quality of life for people living in the Kentucky River area of southeastern Kentucky.

In 1993, Paul Hall began working at the Kentucky River Area Development District, KRADD. His exemplary Leadership and visionary skills were highly noted amongst peers and 3 years later, he was appointed executive director. Since then, Paul has been a vital voice for the leaders of the same rural, impoverished cities and counties, as well as our beloved Appalachian region. Paul has served on the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, served as chairman of the Kentucky Association of District Directors and as the Kentucky representative on the Development District Association of Appalachia.

Before working with KRADD, Paul spent 24 years in the mining industry where his duties spanned every position ranging from equipment operator to vice president and general manager of Diamond Shamrock Coal Company, Falcon Coal Division. It was his experience in the coal industry that provided him the foresight and understanding to work on behalf of counties that depend on our rich natural resource.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Paul E. Hall for his dedication and service to the leaders and families of eastern Kentucky.

VALERIA SAPUNOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Valeria Sapunova who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Valeria Sapunova is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Valeria Sapunova is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Valeria Sapunova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

COMMENDING THE PUBLICATION
OF THE SAVILLE INQUIRY AND
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE
TRAGIC EVENTS OF "BLOODY
SUNDAY"

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, on June 15, 2010, the British Government published the conclusions of Lord Saville's comprehensive report on the tragic events in Northern Ireland of January 30th, 1972, otherwise known as "Bloody Sunday."

After 38 years this full and sober account of the events of that day at last made unmistakably clear that 14 innocent civilians lost their lives in one of the worst episodes of a dark era in the history of Northern Ireland.

Nothing can erase the pain endured by the families and loved one of those who were killed in the unjustifiable Bloody Sunday shootings. However, the admissions of the Saville Inquiry have helped advance the healing process of those affected and the country as a whole.

It also serves as a reminder of how far the peace process in Northern Ireland has come; how many brave steps have been taken on both sides; and how firm the commitment to peace and reconciliation has proven itself for more than a decade now, since the 1998 signing of the historic Good Friday Agreements.

The Saville Inquiry was commissioned in 1998 and opened in 2000 in response to outcries from the families of the victims of Bloody Sunday. This Inquiry was specifically tasked to resolve unanswered accusations left after a previous inconclusive tribunal immediately following the shootings, as well as the establishment of a definitive account of events.

For ten years the Saville tribunal heard testimony from witnesses in order to fully ascertain the truth of what happened that terrible day in 1972. The findings of the Saville Inquiry state unambiguously that the conduct of British Army soldiers on January 30, 1972, was "both unjustified and unjustifiable."

It concludes that certain British soldiers "reacted by losing self-control . . . forgetting or ignoring their instructions and training." Without provocation, the soldiers fired the first shots at unarmed civilians.

Many of those civilians had been marching in protest to a policy of internment without trial introduced in response to rising sectarian and paramilitary violence particularly against British soldiers, during the height of the period known as "The Troubles."

It is clear that the recent history of Northern Ireland is a painful one with deep divisions and violent sectarian clashes in which thousands of people on all sides lost their lives, lost loved ones, and suffered terrible injustice as a result of the escalation of tensions and force. Over 3,500 people from every community lost their lives in the violence in Northern Ireland.

However, the history of Northern Ireland is also a shining example of the resilience and determination of the will to live in peace, and how people with the strength to cross the divide can indeed build a better future together. Northern Ireland can and should be very